



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Administration for Native Americans; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Administration for Children and Families, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of Tribal Consultation.

SUMMARY: The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), will host a Tribal Consultation to consult on ACF programs and tribal priorities.

DATES: September 14, 2015.

ADDRESSES: 901 D Street, SW, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lillian A. Sparks Robinson, Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans, at 202-401-5590, by email at Lillian.sparks@acf.hhs.gov, or by mail at 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW, 2 West, Washington, D.C. 20447.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On November 5, 2009, President Obama signed the “Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies on Tribal Consultation.” The President stated that his Administration is committed to regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration with tribal officials in policy decisions that have tribal implications, including, as an initial step, through complete and consistent implementation of Executive Order 13175.

The United States has a unique legal and political relationship with Indian tribal governments, established through and confirmed by the Constitution of the United States, treaties, statutes, executive orders, and judicial decisions. In recognition of that special relationship, pursuant to Executive Order 13175 of November 6, 2000, executive departments and agencies are charged with engaging in regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration with tribal officials in the development of federal policies that have tribal implications and are responsible for strengthening the government-to-government relationship between the United States and Indian tribes.

HHS has taken its responsibility to comply with Executive Order 13175 very seriously over the past decade; including the initial implementation of a Department-wide policy on tribal consultation and coordination in 1997, and through multiple evaluations and revisions of that policy, most recently in 2010. ACF has developed its own agency-specific consultation policy that complements the Department-wide efforts.

The ACF Tribal Consultation Session will begin on the morning of September 14, 2015, and continue throughout the day until all discussions have been completed. To help both tribal officials and the ACF Principals prepare for this consultation, planning teleconference calls will be held on:

Wednesday, August 19, 2015, 3 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Eastern Time

Wednesday, August 26, 2015, 3 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Eastern Time

Wednesday, September 2, 2015, 3 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Eastern Time

The call-in number is: 866-769-9393. The passcode is: 4449449#.

The purpose of the planning calls will be to identify individuals who will provide oral testimony to ACF, solicit for tribal moderators and identify specific topics of interest so we can ensure that all appropriate individuals are present.

Testimonies are to be submitted no later than September 8, 2015, to:

Lillian Sparks Robinson, Commissioner

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To facilitate the security process when entering our building, we would appreciate if participants register for the session by sending an e-mail to anacommissioner@acf.hhs.gov with the names of attendees, titles, and tribe/organization name. If you plan to provide testimony, please include the name of the office(s) you wish to address. We are also interested in collecting the same information from anyone who will be attending by webinar.

Dated: July 21, 2015.

Mark H. Greenberg,
*Acting Assistant Secretary
for Children and Families.*

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